



Network Notification

Date: **March 26, 2013** **Number: OH-P-2013-04**
To: **Ohio Providers**
From: **CareSource**
Subject: **Fluoride Varnish Application Billing Code Update**

Effective immediately, billing codes for fluoride varnish applications – Code D1203 and D1204 (Medicare only) – are non-covered. **The replacement code for billing purposes is D1208.** If you have not already done so, please update your records to reflect the new code and begin using it when submitting CareSource Member claims. The dental handbook located on our website will also be updated to reflect this change.

CareSource allows dentists and physicians to provide fluoride varnish applications to encourage preventive care among Members. Coverage is limited to one application every 180 days. There are three components to the application of fluoride varnish that must be performed:

- Oral assessment
- Varnish application
- Referral to a dentist for preventive care

The procedure can prevent tooth decay and may even reverse the process in its early stages. Research has shown that regular fluoride varnish applications can reduce tooth decay by 25 to 45 percent.

Questions?

Please call our Provider Services Department at **1-800-488-0134**.